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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Dear Sir:

The following summarizes an interview conducted by the undersigned with Examiner Ni responsible for the above-identified application on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. During the interview Applicants' attorney explained to the Examiner why each of independent claims 21, 24, 26, 29, (and by implication corresponding independent claims 104 on) were allowable and distinguishable over the prior art. The prior art discussed was U.S. Patent 5,530,763 of record in connection with the present application.

Specifically, the wording of independent claim 24 was discussed relative to the disclosure of the '763 patent. The Examiner reiterated his position that the claim continued to be anticipated by the disclosure of the '763 patent.

Applicants' attorney explained to the Examiner why each of dependent claims 27, 31, 32 and 33 were allowable over the prior art of record.

The Examiner indicated that he would review and consider Amendment D responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action. No agreement was reached relative to the pending claims.

In the event that the above is incomplete or in any way erroneous it is requested that such incompleteness or errors be drawn to the undersigned's attention so that the summary can be supplemented for completeness and remove any such errors.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 11, 2006

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